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ANWAR NASSER AULAQI

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Office of Origin: Washington Field Office (WFO)

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~~(S)~~ Anwar Aulaqi was born on 04/21/71 in New Mexico while his father was in the United States on a diplomatic posting from Yemen. Aulaqi holds an engineering degree from Colorado State University and obtained religious training from a France based Islamic correspondence program on Sharia and FIQH. Aulaqi obtained a Master's degree in Education from San Diego State University. He currently attends George Washington University where he is pursuing a PhD in Human Resource Development. He is attending school through a scholarship provided by the Ministry of Education in Yemen.

(S) Aulaqi spent nearly five years as the Imam of the Al-Ribat Mosque in San Diego, California, where he had a following of approximately 200-300 people. On 06/07/99 Aulaqi became the subject

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(S) In January 2001 Aulaqi relocated to Falls Church, Virginia where he now serves as the Imam of the Dar al-Hijrah

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Mosque, at 3159 Row Street, Falls Church, Virginia. He resides at 3331 Kaywood Drive, Falls Church, Virginia.

(U) ~~(S)~~ After the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Between 09/15/01 and 09/19/01 Aulaqi submitted to four FBI interviews. In an interview on 09/17/01 Aulaqi was shown a picture of the flight 77 hijackers and thereupon stated that he knew Nawaf Alhazmi from the Al-Ribat mosque in San Diego. He did not recognize Khalid Almidhdir.

(U) ~~(S)~~ During the FBI interview, Aulaqi was familiar enough with Nawaf Alhazmi to describe some of Alhazmi's personality traits. Aulaqi considered Alhazmi to be a loner who did not have a large circle of friends. Alhazmi was slow to enter into personal relationships and was always very soft spoken, a very calm and extremely nice person. Aulaqi did not see Alhazmi as a very religious person, based on the fact that Alhazmi never wore a beard and neglected to attend all five daily prayer sessions. Aulaqi also was able to provide a physical description of Nawaf Alhazmi.

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(S) Investigation continues at WFO into the association between Anwar Aulaqi and persons connected to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States.

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